

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Larry Neff and Rudy Farber of Neosho, Missouri, who will receive a Missouri Preservation Honor Award for Commercial Rehabilitation during an awards ceremony to be held March 3, 2004, in the Rotunda of the Missouri State Capitol; and

**Whereas**, Missouri Preservation, known formally as the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation, is Missouri's only statewide, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting, and coordinating historic preservation activities throughout the state; and

**Whereas**, Larry Neff and Rudy Farber formed a partnership in the Fall of 2000 to purchase the Berger Block and Heaton buildings, two of the most historically significant buildings in Neosho; and

**Whereas**, built in 1886 and 1895 respectively, the Berger Block and Heaton buildings were originally designed to house a hotel and retail establishments, but at the time of purchase only two office tenants remained on the ground floor and the upper level hotel rooms had not been occupied for half a century; and

**Whereas**, Larry Neff and Rudy Farber have brought a restoration trend to downtown Neosho with their rehabilitation of the Berger Block and Heaton buildings, which now house a mix of offices and apartments; and

**Whereas**, thanks to the vision and perseverance of Larry Neff and Rudy Farber, two other large historic preservation projects have been completed by out-of-town developers and local owners have started the restoration of three buildings on the town square:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Larry Neff at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction, and in wishing him only the very best of success in all his future endeavors; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Larry Neff, as a mark of our esteem for him.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Kevin Wilson  
District No. 130

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Representative Marilyn Ruestman  
District No. 131

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker